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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Support)  
SUBJECT : CIA Firearms Credentials and Requirements

1. This memorandum contains information on the following points as requested by Colonel L. K. White on 22 January 1963:

a. Current criteria utilized by the Office of Security to qualify Agency personnel to carry firearms in connection with the performance of official assignments.

b. The identities of Agency employees presently authorized to carry firearms.

2. [REDACTED] (TAB A) places the authority for the issuance and control of firearms within the United States with the Director of Security. Briefly, this regulation limits the issuance of firearms to qualified employees who have been properly designated as being responsible for the transportation of documents or materials of extreme sensitivity, bulky classified material, and documents or materials affecting the national defense. It also requires that the Director of Security ensure that only competent and properly qualified employees are permitted to carry firearms in the performance of official duties and establishes six months as the normal requalification interval.

3. The qualification of Agency employees in the use of firearms is primarily conducted at the U. S. Treasury Range, Washington, D. C. Instruction is provided by U. S. Coast Guard personnel who are also responsible for the training and qualification of the Secret Service, the White House Police, and other elements of the U. S. Treasury Department. Agency personnel are required to achieve the rating of Marksman (210 points out of a possible 300) before they are issued an Agency Firearms Permit (TAB B).

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25X1 In the event the U. S. Treasury Range is not available for use, the Office of Security Firearms Officer instructs and qualifies individuals at [ ]

In special instances the Director of Security may authorize the issuance of firearms permits to employees who have been qualified to carry firearms by a recognized authority such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Military services, various police departments, and the like.

25X1 4. For your general information, a recent act of Congress prohibits individuals from personally carrying concealed firearms on board commercial aircraft. However, arrangements have been made for the Office of Security to issue to duly authorized and qualified personnel of the Agency a Federal Aviation Agency firearms credential (TAB C) which permits the holder to carry firearms aboard commercial aircraft while in the performance of official duties. When this credential is issued, the employee is required to certify that he has read and understands [ ] (TAB D).

25X1 5. A total of [ ] Agency firearms credentials have been issued to Agency employees, included in this figure are [ ] credentials which have been issued to members of the Office of Security Emergency Security Patrol. See TAB E for identities. In addition, a total of [ ] FAA firearms credentials have been issued to date. See TAB F for identities.

SIGNED

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Director of Security

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